# JAMES BOYDEN AND MARY MERIDITH BOWLER

James Boyden was born March 18, 1848, at Shireshell, Staffordshire, England. His wife Mary Meridith Bowler was born September 20, 1887, at Wolverhampton, England. James and Mary were married in England. They had three daughters, Sarah Meridith, Mary Jane (Polly), and Elizabeth.

Mary died November 2, 1922, and James died June 11, 1929 at Provo.

While they still lived in England James had a dream in which two men came through his gate holding a "golden bible" or black book and told him to listen to them. The next day two Mormon Elders came to his door. They listened to them and were later converted to the Church.

James and Mary came to Utah and made their home north of where the Sears Roebuck Co., SL parking lot now is. They went to Provo, where James worked on the farms of the State Mental Hospital.

Two sons were born to them, James William and Thomas Alma.

Mary was the first Relief Society secretary in the Provo 4th Ward. They moved to Wallsburg about 1902. Farmed and worked in the church.

Mary's sister Jane Bowler Weaver came to live with them in 1916 or 1917. She died November 29, 1928.